

SENATE BILL 9039

By Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 5; Title 68, Chapter 2, Part 6 and Chapter 550  
of the Public Acts of 2021, relative to local health.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Chapter 550 of the Public Acts of 2021, as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-2-609, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

A county health officer has a duty to:

(1) Order quarantine of a place or person in accordance with department of health guidelines and state law, if the county health officer finds that quarantine is necessary to protect the public health from an epidemic;

(2) Require closure of a public establishment, facility, or building if the county health officer finds unsanitary conditions of such a nature and extent to significantly threaten the public health;

(3) Require closure of a public establishment, facility, or building if the county health officer is otherwise authorized by law to take that action; and

(4) Implement plans that are necessary to protect the general health and safety of the county. Prior to the implementation of a plan issued pursuant to this subdivision (4), a county health officer shall submit the plan to the commissioner of health for review and approval. The commissioner of health shall review the authority and necessity of the plan. The commissioner of health shall disapprove a plan if the commissioner finds that the plan is:

(A) Not within the county health officer's authority;

(B) In conflict with state or federal requirements; or

(C) Not a necessity to protect the general health and safety of the county.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.